

and also compensation and indemnity for the use of and detention of such vessel or steam boat." &

The bill was then read the second and by special order the third time passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Emory from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Queen Anne's county, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration, and were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendment, which was read and assented to:

Strike out the 2nd section of the bill.

The bill was then read the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Emory the bill entitled, an act to repeal part of an act passed December session 1824, chapter 167, authorising gates to be kept on the public roads in Queen Anne's county, was reconsidered, and the question again put, "Shall the bill pass."

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Emory submitted the following message, which was read and adopted, and with the bill to which it refers sent to the house of delegates.

By the Senate,  
March 21, 1833.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received the message from your honorable body proposing to us the reconsideration of the bill to repeal the tax on gates for Queen Anne's county, with a request that we may pass the same. By the laws of the land, gates on public highways are regarded as nuisances, and as such were subject to presentment before the grand jury of county, where the owners of said gates were subjected to the penalty of fine and costs, until the legislature in its wisdom, thought proper to pass a special law for the county, directing that each gate should be taxed to its owner for the sum of one dollar per annum until the year eighteen hundred and thirty five, after which there should be paid as a tax the larger sum of eight dollars on each gate annually. The object of these provisions were, first to relieve the people of the county from the vexation of a presentment and fine, and the consequent office fees which grew out of such procedure; and the tax was made very light for a given number of years not yet expired; in order, that owners might have ample